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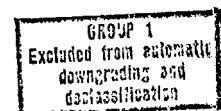
1. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. James Wilson, House Science and Astronautics Committee staff, and briefed him on Soviet space activities.

2. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Jack Sullivan, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, who told me that the Chairman would appreciate a change in the scheduled date for the Director's appearance before the Committee to 10:00 a.m., Thursday, 27 July. The DCI has been advised.

25X1 3. (Confidential - GLC) [] and I met with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and briefed him on the situation with respect to Representative Les Aspin's statement on the floor of the House on Tuesday regarding a letter he supposedly has sent to the Director on the subject of CIA pilots being involved in opium traffic in Laos. We left with Slatinshek copies of Aspin's floor statement, the Director's response to a letter which Aspin had printed in the Congressional Record as well as a copy of the Director's note to Representative Charles Gubser forwarding a suggested statement for him to use in placing the Director's letter in the Record. Slatinshek said it would have been a good idea for us to have handled this through Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, but appreciated why we had involved Gubser in view of his past interest in the drug problem. Slatinshek did recommend, however, that we provide Mr. Nedzi with copies of the Aspin floor statement and the Director's letter so that he would know what has transpired.

4. (Confidential - GLC) Called Representative Charles Gubser off the floor of the House and gave him the note from the Director thanking him for his cooperation and enclosing a floor statement for his use in placing in the Record the Director's response to the Aspin letter. Mr. Gubser said the situation on the floor was pretty hectic in view of the drive to recess tonight but he thought he could get the floor long enough to do this.

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5. (Confidential - JGO) Received a call from Mr. Jack Sullivan, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, who told me the Chairman would like to schedule Wednesday, 26 July, if that date is available on the Director's calendar, for a briefing on verification of the SALT agreements. I told Sullivan I would be back in touch with him tomorrow.

6. (Confidential - JGO) Talked to Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, concerning the amendments made by the Committee in S. 2224, a bill to amend the National Security Act of 1947. In effect, the amendments eliminated the provision authorizing transmission of Agency reports and analysis to other members of Congress.

7. (Internal Use Only - GLC) Late in the day I called Representative Charles Gubser (R., Calif.) to tell him of the Director's plans to respond to a letter (which we have not yet received) which Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.) placed in the Congressional Record referring to new evidence indicating that CIA operated helicopters have been smuggling opium inside Laos. I told him we had thought of including a paragraph in the letter indicating that the Director was sending a copy of his response to Aspin to Mr. Gubser in view of his interest in this problem, but wanted to be sure he had no objection to our doing this. He said he had no objection whatsoever and for us to "go right ahead." He said furthermore he was prepared to go much further and would either insert the letter in the Record or make a statement on the subject or do anything we wished since he also was very much concerned about what he referred to as "part of a conspiracy to downgrade our American public institutions." I thanked him very much and told him we would keep his offer in mind and very likely be back in touch with him.

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